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AUSTIN MAN CONVICTED OF ENTICING A MINOR OVER THE INTERNET

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that in Austin, Texas, 30-year-old Srinath Audityan was convicted of using the Internet to entice a minor to have sex. As a result, Audityan faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a maximum \$250,000 fine.

Evidence presented during the 3-day trial revealed that Audityan, while in an Internet chat room, arranged a sexual encounter with whom he believed to be a 13-year-old girl. The girl was actually an undercover investigator. Authorities arrested Audityan in San Marcos, Texas, on June 13, 2003, when he arrived at the predetermined meeting location.

Audityan will be sentenced at a later date by United States District Judge Lee Yeakel.

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General's Internet Bureau and the Hays County Sheriff's Office. Special Assistant United States Attorney Grant Sparks is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.